and will be laid on the table of the House.

Government support to the policeman killed by terrorist in Assam

65. SHRI K.R. MALKANI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what Government give to policeman killed by terrorists in Assam and what it give to a terrorist who surrenders;

(b) whether it is a fact that the policeman gets only Rs. 25,000/-; and

(c) whether the terrorist e.g. ULFA who surrenders, gets Rs. 1,00000/-, a jeep, a job and the right to keep his arms?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Use of rubber bullets and water cannons

66. SHRI ASHOK MITRA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of States which have accepted the principle of using rubber bullets and water cannons on occasions where it becomes necessary to disperse an agitated crowd;

(b) whether Government would consider issuing directives to the States making use of water jets and rubber bullets in lieu of more lathal devices compulsory; and

(c) whether any financial subsidy is proposed to be offered to the State Government so as to ease transitional difficulties.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR): (a) to (c) 'Police' is a State subject as per the Seventh Schedule of the Constitution of India. It is for the State Governments to use various means/techniques, including water cannons/rubber bullets to tackle law and order situations. According to available information, the State Governments of Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Goa, Haryana, Karnataka, Kerala, Punjab, Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh have procured rubber bullets. Under its Scheme for Modernisation of State Police Forces, the Central Government is already assisting the State Governments in modernising their policing infrastructure.

Arrest of ULFA and Bodo insurgents

67. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of hardcore ULFA cadres and Bodo insurgents arrested during the last four months alongwith the weapons seized from them;

(b) the number of attacks made by militants and persons killed as a result thereof during that period;

(c) whether Government are aware that the militants have chalked out plans to levy taxes on the people much in the style of its counterpart in Nagaland despite army vigil; and

(d) if so, the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR): (a) According to available reports, the number of ULFA and Bodo insurgents arrested during last four months is 139 and 10 arms were seized from them.

(b) According to available reports, during the last four months, 136 incidents

of violence by militants have been reported resulting in 82 deaths.

(c) and (d) To counter the extortion drive by militants, Government has further stepped up measures to nab militants. Steps taken in this regard include, interalia, deployment of Para-Military Forces and Army in the State, Coordinated action by Army, Para-Military & State police for Counter insurgency operations, declaration of United Liberation Front of Asom (ULFA), National Democratic front of Boroland (NDFB) and National Socialist Council of Nagaland NSCN(I) as unlawful associations under Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1967. Regular review of the situation both at State and Central Government level is being made.

Enquiry into recent Uphaar Cinema Fire Accident

68. SHRI S. M. KRISHNA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government have received the report of the Enquiry Committee set up by Delhi Government to look into recent Uphaar Cinema Hall Fire incident;

(b) if so, the details of the report indicating the salient features thereof and Government's reaction thereto about steps taken so far on the report;

(c) whether the Central Government had also set up a separate enquiry about the incident, if so, the status of inquiry so conducted; and

(d) whether Government propose to review the functioning of Delhi Fire Service which has failed to implement the safety norms resulting into number of fire incidents occurring in Delhi every year particulary during summer season?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAOBOOL DAR): (a) and (b) Yes Sir. The report has concluded that all the agencies concerned including the management of Uphaar Cinema have to share the blame for their acts of Ommission & Commission which contributed to the tragedy.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Government of NCT of Delhi reviews the functioning of Delhi Fire Service from time to time. Further, a comprehensive review of the laws relating to fire services/fire prevention etc. has been initiated.

दिल्ली में पुलिस हिरासत में तथा जेलों में हुई आत्महत्या की घटनायें

69. **प्रो॰ विजय कुमार मल्होत्रा:** क्या गृह मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) गत तीन वर्षों के दौरान दिल्ली में पुलिस हिरासत में तथा जेलों में कितने व्यक्तियों ने आत्महत्या की;

(ख) उनके द्वारा आत्महत्या किये जाने के क्या कारण पाये गये;

(ग) क्या इस संबंध में कोई पुलिस अधिकारी या जेल अधिकारी दोषी पाया गया है; और

(घ) यदि हां, तो उसके विरुद्ध क्या कार्यवाही की गई है?

गृह मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री मोहम्मद मकबूल डार): (क) और (ख) पिछले तीन वर्षों के दौरान पुलिस हिरासत में और तिहाड़ जेल, दिल्ली में जिन लोगों ने आत्महत्या की, उनकी सूचित संख्या इस प्रकार है:-

वर्ष	आत्महत्या के मामलों की संख्या	
	पुलिस हिरासत में	तिहाड़ जेल में
1994	—	4
1995	1	4
1996	1	3